

Arlington Diversity Task Group, Vision 2020
Minutes from January 12, 2015, meeting
Jefferson Cutter House, lower level gallery

Present: Claire Carswell (co-chair), Bonie Bagchi Williamson (co-chair), Kathy Conway, Yawa Degbe, Marta Flanagan, Mary Harrison, Lori Kenschaft, Jill Lewis, Ann Mathes, Allan Schramm, and Miriam Stein

Claire called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Lori took minutes

(1) Following up on December 14 Black Lives Matter Vigil.

We agreed that the DTG should sponsor a series of events. Ideas included a program aimed at parents titled something like “How To Prepare Your Children for a Multicultural World,” films at the Regent Theater (perhaps a discussion structured by “Cracking the Codes”), a town-wide reading (perhaps *Waking Up White* or something more attractive to young adults), a program on implicit bias, a program moderated by the Public Conversations Project, and events designed to draw people together to do something together and talk together.

The first event will be a panel on race and criminal justice on Saturday, February 28, from 7-9 p.m. at Town Hall.

- The confirmed speakers are Arlington’s new Acting Police Chief and Peniel Joseph.
- Bonie will invite Camille Nelson, the Dean of Law at Suffolk University.
- Lori will invite Don Perry, who has personal experience with the injustice of the criminal justice system.
- Marta will invite David Whitford to moderate. Kathy and Bonie agreed to help the moderator prepare good questions.
- We will also need a time-keeper.
- Mary will talk with the Vision 2020 Standing Committee about funding for renting Town Hall for this event, publicity expenses, an honorarium for Don Perry, and hiring a Public Conversations Project moderator for a future event.
- Everyone except Marta agreed to be on a decision-making task force and email list for this event.
- Miriam, Lori, and Yawe agreed to work on designing a flyer.
- Ann agreed to think about where physical flyers should go. (Senior Center, affordable housing, schools, libraries, park kiosks, Food Pantry, etc.)
- All of us agreed to think about helpful email lists and online sites. (Arlington Notices, Arlington list, ACMi, Advocate, Patch, etc.)

(2) Budget Request to Vision 2020 Standing Committee

There can be no reimbursements for fundraising or snacks. The DTG does not need to request funds for Town Day at this time.

(3) Review of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to accept the November 10, 2014, minutes.
It was moved and seconded to accept the December 8, 2014, minutes.

(4) Ethics Training

The Town requires every regular town volunteer, including regular members of task groups and committees, to do an on-line ethics training every two years. Bonie will send a link to regular members of the DTG.

(5) True Story Theater

The DTG will sponsor a grant application by True Story Theater and looks forward to collaborating with TST on the results.

(6) Social Media

The Town's communications policies requires the approval of the Vision 2020 Standing Committee, Director of Planning, and Town Manager for the DTG to start using social media. Mary will talk with the Standing Committee at their next meeting, based on information Bonie will send her, and will ask whether they would approve a DTG Facebook page or whether they have other questions for the DTG.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.